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The Emperor of Atlantis

Concordia University, B'nai Brith Canada and the Austrian Embassy are proud to present the opera *The Emperor of Atlantis*, at the Concert Hall Oct. 25, 26, 1996. Produced by Arbos, under the direction of Herbert Gantschacher.

The opera, by Victor Ullmann with libretto by Peter Kien, was written while both artists were incarcerated at the Theresiendstadt concentration camp—a Nazi “model ghetto”, designed to neutralize reports of mass murder in their camps.

The Emperor of Atlantis is an allegory about life and death, recounted as a battle between the Emperor—Hitler, with secondary characters clearly representative of Goebbels and Goering—and Death, who refuses to act. The musical setting blends traditional and progressive elements, from quotations of medieval and romantic music to jazz and atonality.

At a recent press conference, Robert Libman, director of B'nai Brith Quebec, called *The Emperor of Atlantis* “an artistic work of the highest and increasing acclaim... [which] presents a timeless message of hope and courage.” Concluding with his hope that the work would impart “both the inspiration of the artists, and an insight into the oppression that the writers themselves endured.”

The Emperor of Atlantis will be in Montreal for two dates only. We invite you to attend this unique performance, which has garnered enthusiastic praise and support from artistic, governmental, and human rights groups. In conjunction with this event, the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre will be mounting an exhibit in the Concert Hall Atrium from Oct. 23 to Oct. 30.

The Emperor Of Atlantis - An opera by Victor Ullmann

Place The Concordia University Concert Hall
7141 Sherbrooke St. West

Time Matinee **Oct. 25, 2:30 pm**
Evening Performance, **Oct. 26, 8 pm**

Admission . . General \$30, Seniors \$20, Students \$10
Tickets available through Admission, 790-1245

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